



In cooperation with Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito, we would like to invite you to **Contract Connections** in Charleston, WV, at the Charleston Civic Center, October 11th through 12th, 2005. This is held in conjunction with the **Cavalcade of Trade** and gives you an opportunity to present your company's capabilities to government agencies and prime contractors.

Matchmaking with a procurement officer/prime contractor is the focus of the event. This is an opportunity to discuss procurement topics such as procurement forecasts and contractor requirements. Please sign up for **one-on-one matchmaking sessions** by providing your company's product and/or service capabilities at the **REGISTRATION** link below.

In addition to government agencies/prime contractors, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be present to offer an innovative and exciting opportunity to apply for and receive an SBA unsecured business loan. The application process consists of an easy one-page application and a few loan documents. The uniqueness of the loan is that it requires no collateral, no tax returns, and no business plan. Turn around time for loan approval has been reduced for **Cavalcade of Trade and Contract Connections** attendees from approximately four weeks to the same day. For additional information and to register for the financial opportunity sessions, call Rick Haney at 1-800-767-8052 ext. 8 (email: Richard.haney@sba.gov) or visit the SBA's West Virginia web site at www.sba.gov/wv/cavalcadeoftrade.pdf

For more details including the conference agenda and hotel accommodations visit our website at www.contractconnections.org or contact me at the phone number or e-mail address below.

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